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"In men whom men condemn as ill,  
I find so much of goodness still;  
In men whom MEN pronounce divine,  
I find so much of sin and blot—  
I hesitate to draw the line  
Between the two—where God has not."

## Hazing at "The Citadel"

We notice in the Charleston Evening Post that the upper classmen at the Citadel Academy have "resolved" against hazing the recruits, or "rats," as the lordly "old cadets" contemptuously dub the new-comers. Well, from what we have heard, it is high time something were done to put a stop to the pernicious practice of hazing at this institution. Since the authorities seem to be unable or unwilling to check the outrages perpetrated upon the innocent victims of brutal sport it is well that the cadets themselves have taken the matter in hand, for unless something be done to propitiate public opinion the institution is doomed, and that right speedily.

The step taken by the upper classmen may prove a sop to Cerberus, but their action would have been far more effective had they passed their virtuous resolutions at the beginning of the term—the very first day—and nipped in the bud the cruel and cowardly maltreating of the new cadets. Now that they have had their "fun" and caused many of the large and promising freshman class to leave the institution in disgust, their high-flown abstractions rather savor of "death-bed repentance." The hazing season is pretty well over the first week or two of the session and the present upper-classmen can very cheerfully forego further efforts at vivisection, whereas by next session an entirely new set—those of the present fourth class who survive the ordeal—will be only too eager to redress their wrongs on the next class of "rats"—according to the queer law of compensation that seems to exist at the Citadel—to respect any promises or assurances given by their tormentors of the present year.

After all, if discipline is to be maintained it is the authorities who must be looked to to do it, and not the student-body, which is governed by impulse more often than by principles of right or wrong.

If the present management is

composed of a set weaklings, they should be made to get out and a new *charge d'affaires* instituted that will administer justice without fear or favor and keep a tight rein over the unruly spirits that have caused so much mischief. This much is due the State, which has shown a very liberal spirit toward the school.

In this county, we have heard of a young man who refused to brook the insults showered upon him and was cruelly beaten by a cowardly mob of these soldierly gentlemen (?). So severe was his punishment that the victim of their barbarous savagery had to leave the institution and return to his home. In the brief time he spent there, we understand, he received forty-two beatings! This condition of things should be no longer tolerated. The Citadel is wholly dependent upon State aid and the tax-payers should demand that thorough investigation be made and the blame fixed where it belongs.

Better abolish the institution than allow it to become a training school for gentlemanly toughs and rowdies.

## Corn Growing Contests.

We hear a lot of boasting about big corn yields produced by boys' corn clubs in other counties, notably one youth in our neighbor county of Florence claiming to have grown two hundred bushels of corn on a single acre of land. Superintendent of Education McCullough is not talking for publication just yet, but we have it from unofficial sources that the boys of Williamsburg have achieved results on their prize acres that will make their "daddies" sit up and take notice. Then there is Dr Williams to hear from yet on behalf of the "grown-ups" contest.

The results of both these contests are awaited with no small degree of interest.

The Portu-geese ought to import a Michi-gander to run their dinky little near republic.

On dit the reason so many of the "smart set" of Virginia are fond of playing bridge whist is that they are descendants of Poker-hontas.

We welcome to our exchange desk the Davidson College Magazine, the first (October) issue of which was received this week. Among the editorial staff, by the way, we note the familiar name of W B Brockington, "associate business manager."

An irate father in Spartanburg has "gone to law" against a school teacher for whipping the former's son. Our observation is that more teachers should be indicted for not inflicting corporal punishment than punished for maintaining discipline. Suppose a few welts or "whales" are left on a boy's legs as marks of punishment? They will soon heal up and disappear, while the scars on the soul of a boy or girl attendant on the parent's upholding their vicious habits are ineradicable.

The noise of the horns and the bass drum seems to completely turn the heads of certain little "niggers" who ought to be taken up under the vagrant ordinance, any way. From a half dozen to a score of the little "vags" line up on the sidewalk during the free performance and they don't want to budge an inch for any one to pass. A squad of these embryo criminals and toughs on the chain,

gang would be a good object lesson to others, besides exorcising the evil spirit that obsesses the more turbulent ones.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

A revolution in Portugal last week seems to have toppled over that tottering monarchy.

Rich Hampson, a young negro who insulted a white lady near Heath Springs, Lancaster county, Saturday night, was severely whipped by white men and ordered to leave the State.

South Carolina is said to lead the South in the out-put of rough building stone.

Southern baseball "fans" are disappointed that Lajoie, the Cleveland phenomenal slab artist, has won out over Tyrus Cobb, the "Georgia Peach," for the world's championship. In Sunday's game Lajoie got eight hits out of eight times at bat. The percentages stood at the close of the season: Lajoie 386.8; Cobb 383.4, thus the former wins the automobile offered as a prize to the champion batter of the two big leagues.

Forest fires near War Road, Minnesota, are said to have caused the death of over 300 people and four towns have been swept out of existence by the raging flames. Seventy-five bodies had been recovered up to Sunday.

Bunk Sherard was hanged last Friday at Greenville for killing an officer of the law who interrupted Sherard and some of his companions while gambling in the woods. This is the first legal hanging in Greenville for seven years.

John A Hafner has been appointed Treasurer of Chester county to succeed W A Latimer, Jr, resigned.

Darlington county has voted to issue bonds for building another railroad to that enterprising town.

The Seaboard Air Line railroad is to be extended to Florence, the business men having made the necessary guarantee without a bond issue being necessary.

Former President Roosevelt was in Atlanta last week attending the "Uncle Remus" Memorial Association meeting. While there the doughty Colonel is quoted as saying that he would run for President if he believed he could carry a single Southern State.

The California-Atlantic Steamship Company has decided to make Charleston a terminus, from which great results in the way of commercial activity are anticipated.

James Belser was shot and instantly killed at Summerton by "Tricksy" King, both colored. It was Sunday and they were playing a "skin" game, which accounts for the homicide. The negro murderer is still at large.

George R Koester and associates have applied for a charter for the News Publishing Company, the capital stock to be \$50,000, to publish a morning newspaper in Columbia. The first issue is expected to be out by January of the new year.

Lottie Suber, a negro woman, was found on the side-walk of a street in the "Tenderloin" district of Columbia Monday night with her throat cut from ear to ear. She had been in a fight with another negress named Annie Lee Boyd, by whom she was slain. The Boyd woman has disappeared.

Governor Charles E Hughes was sworn in Monday as Associate Justice of the United States supreme court.

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## THIS IS A BIG COUNTRY.

One Man Traveled Away Out West as Far as Boston.

The ideas of foreigners regarding the size and characteristics of this country do not seem to grow less amusing with age, and the statement that in London there are people who think New York is a city of Indians is not so farfetched as some consider it.

The writer met at Long Branch last summer and Englishwoman, and a cultured Englishwoman at that, who had gone there directly after landing from a steamer in New York. Having casually mentioned that I was born in Brooklyn, she remarked that she had met some people named Henderson who lived on Long Island and wondered if I knew them. I asked in what part of Long Island they lived and she naively answered, "Oh, I own near the business section!"

A young Englishman whose cousin is in the grain business in this city came over to see his relative and also to see something of the country. One of the first places suggested to him was Niagara falls, and at train time the Englishman presented himself minus overcoat and hand bag.

"Where's your grip?" asked his cousin.

"Why, can't we run over and see the falls and get back tonight?" he asked.

On being assured that he could not he began asking questions regarding distances and ended with, "How big is this state?"

When he was told that it was bigger than the whole of England there were no fitting words to express his wonderment.

Another young Englishman came to New York during a very warm Indian summer. He spent a week there and then went on to Canada, returning to New York in March to embark for England.

He was asked the inevitable question, "How do you like America?"

His answer was: "It's a nawsty country. 'Arf the year you are roasted, and the other 'arf you are up to your waist in snow."

A New Yorker went to Brazil last year to put in a few months on one of the cattle ranges. One day a young Irishman rode into camp to see the New Yorker, saying that he had ridden forty miles to do so, as he wished to inquire of him as to the health of his brother, who left Ireland ten years before and was settled in New York city. There was no question in his mind but that the two would know each other.

Still our foreign consins are not so much more vague on these subjects than are some natives. For instance, a man in Maine whom I met last summer told me in the course of a conversation that he had "been west as far as Boston." —Boston Herald.

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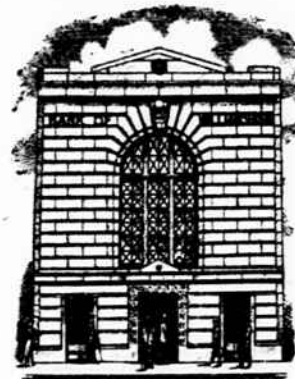
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